

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the recitation of claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record DE 693 13 704 T2, DE 196 53 589 A1 and DE 195 38 658 A1, as submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 7, 2002. Applicants resubmit these references, together with the English language abstracts of Japanese Laid-Open Publication Nos. 06-017079, 09-169989 and 08-113793. As required by the rules of practice, Applicants have provided a concise statement of relevance for these foreign language documents.

Applicants also concurrently herewith petition for a suspension of action of three (3) months. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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